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SUBJECT: CSCE: MARCH 22 WORKING GROUP DISCUSSION OF COOPERATION  
ISSUES

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1. SUMMARY. SEVERAL WESTERN DELS CRITICIZED ELEMENTS OF SOVIET  
DRAFT " CHAPEAU" FOR BASKET II, ESPECIALLY ITS EMPHASIS ON " EURO-  
PEAN PROGRAM FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC CO- OPERATION."  
BULGARIA TABLED DRAFT MANDATE ON TRADE RELATIONS WHICH RECEIVED  
CURSORY BUT GENERALLY FAVORABLE COMMENT, ALTHOUGH SEVERAL  
CRITICIZED  
ITS EXPLICIT REFERENCE TO SUCH " PRINCIPLES" AS MFN AND NON-  
DISCRIMINATION. END SUMMARY.

2. EUROPEAN PROGRAM FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION. PROMISED SOVIET  
DRAFT INTRODUCTORY LANGUAGE FOR BASKET II WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO  
MPT PARTICIPANTS AFTERNOON MARHC 21 ( FULL TEXT SENT  
SEPTEL). " CHAPEAU" CALLS FOR PREPARATION OF DRAFT FINAL DOCUMENT  
" CONTAINING A EUROPEAN PROGRAM FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC  
CO- OPERATION." SEVERAL WESTERN DELS ( FRANCE, UK, IRELAND, FRG,  
TURKEY, AUSTRIA) CRITICIZED THIS NOTION AS TOO AMBITIOUS AND  
TENDING TO FOCUS DISCUSSION ON GENERALITIES RATHER THAN CONCRETE  
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MEASURES. BELGIAN, UK, US AND OTHER NATO REPS URGED RETURN TO INDUCTIVE APPROACH.

3. SOVIET REP ( ZORIN) SAID HE COULD ACCEPT COMMENTS OF SOME DELS ( NOTABLY FRANCE) THAT THEY CURRENTLY UNABLE TO TAKE STAND ON ISSUE OF DRAFT PROGRAM FOR EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COOPERATION, BUT FOUND UNACCEPTABLE STATEMENTS OF OTHER DELS INDICATING THEY THOUGHT SUCH A PROGRAM IMPOSSIBLE TO IMPLEMENT. HE POINTED OUT THAT DANISH HUMAN CONTACTS MANDATE FORESEES LONG- TERM PROGRAM FOR CULTURAL COOPERATION AND EXCHANGES AND INSISTED THAT SUCH A PROGRAM FEASIBLE IN ECONOMIC REALM AS WELL.

4. TRADE PRINCIPLES. SOVIET DRAFT INTRODUCTION TO COOPERATION MANDATE ALSO CALLS FOR RELEVANT CSCE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER PRINCIPLES GUIDING ECONOMIC RELATIONS AMONG PARTICIPANTS, WHILE BULGARIAN DRAFT PAPER ON TRADE ISSUES ( SEE BELOW) LISTS SPECIFIC PRINCIPLES OF MFN AND NON DISCRIMINATION, AMONG OTHERS. IN COMMENTING ON BULGARIAN DRAFT, UK, US, FRG AND OTHER REPS ARGUED THAT, WHILE NOT WISHING TO EXCLUDE SOME DISCUSSION OF TRADE PRINCIPLES AT CSCE ITSELF, IT WOULD BE MORE FRUITFUL TO CONSIDER IMPROVEMENT OF SPECIFIC PRACTICES IN THIS FIELD. THESE REPS POINTED OUT THAT IT WOULD BE UNREALISTIC TO EXPECT THAT MPT COULD REACH AGREEMENT ON SPECIFIC TRADE PRINCIPLES. ZORIN, AT CLOSE OF SESSION, APPEARED TO SIGNAL SOVIET WILLINGNESS FIND COMPROMISE MANDATE LANGUAGE ON TRADE PRINCIPLES, WHILE INSISTING THAT ISSUE MUST BE DISCUSSED AT CSCE ITSELF.

5. BULGARIAN DRAFT MANDATE LANGUAGE ON TRADE RELATIONS. BULGARIA TABLED DRAFT FOR SECON OF BASKET 2 MANDATE DEALING WITH THESE ISSUES ( FULL TEXT SEPTEL). U. S. AND OTHER WESTERN DELS COMMENTED FAVORABLY UPON FACT THAT BULGARIAN DRAFT DEALT WITH SPECIFIC ISSUES IN SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONTAINS SOME FORMULATIONS CLOSE TO THOSE IN COMPARABLE PORTION OF BELGIAN DRAFT MANDATE, THEREBY BRING WORKING GROUP DISCUSSIONS CLOSER TO ACTUAL DRAFTING  
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